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April 12, 2016

Tom Howcroft Ameri-can Onyx Mining LLC 1040 East 1500 South Vernal, Utah 84078

Subject: Approval of Transfer and Permit to Commence Small Mine Activities, Ameri-can

Onyx Mining LLC, Blindstream Honeycomb Mine, S/013/0004, Duchesne County,

<u>Utah</u>

Dear Mr. Howcroft:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) approves the transfer of the Blindstream Honeycomb mine from Shamrock Mining Associates to Ameri-can Onyx Mining LLC. Shamrock Mining Associates is hereby released from reclamation liability associated with this mine.

The Division also finds the Notice of Intention (NOI) complete and approves the reclamation surety. The reclamation surety is escalated to 2020 dollars. You are now permitted to conduct small mining operations on five acres as outlined in the NOI, provided you have approval from the US Forest Service and any other appropriate agency(ies). The approval or acceptance of a complete NOI does not relieve an operator from his responsibility to comply with the applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances of all local, state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over any aspect of the operator's mining operations.

Please keep in mind the following regulatory requirements:

- Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning activities will help ensure successful revegetation. Even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory surety release.
- Please notify this office and the Division of State History if you encounter any archaeological or historical items.
- Permit fees and annual reports are due by January 31st.



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The Division's web page at http://ogm.utah.gov under the Minerals Program has a link to the rules under which you are expected to operate and to other information to assist you in complying with program requirements. Thank you for your cooperation. In reply, please refer to file number S/013/0014. Please contact Leslie Heppler at 801-538-5257 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions or concerns regarding this approval.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure: Copy of approved NOI

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